



**Charlotte County Government
Board of County Commissioners
Boater Revolving Fund Grant Application**

Fiscal Year 2024 (10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024) – Application Deadline 1/31/2023

Name of Organization: Englewood Area Fire Control District

Principal Officer: Kevin Easton **Title:** Fire Chief

Organization Address: 516 Paul Morris Dr. Englewood, FL 34223

Primary Contact: Kevin Easton **Title:** Fire Chief

Telephone Number: 941.474.3311 **Email:** keaston@englewood-fire.com

Any project for which funds are requested must have a public purpose, and must apply to one or more of the following categories: (select applicable categories)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterway Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Debris Removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Law Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Dredging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Boater Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of Marine Life & Aquatic Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Aids to Navigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Boat Ramps & Launching Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boaters' Safety & Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Projects for Boater & Waterway Enhancement | |

Project Name: Englewood Fire Boat Replacement

Project Description: Please see attached.

Explain how the project benefits the community as a whole: Provide for and updated fire/rescue vessel capable of providing Advanced Life Support (ALS) capabilities to residents of Charlotte County.

Total Amount of Grant Funding Requested: \$200,000

Total Amount of Matching Funds Applicant is Contributing (if any): \$200,000

Boater Safety/Education and Boater Recreation Projects require 50% applicant matching funds. Is Applicant requesting supplemental Local Boater Improvement funds to pay all, or a portion of the 50% required match?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, provide justification. The 50% match will be covered by EAFCD vehicle replacement reserves.

Project Location: Englewood FL

Estimated Completion Date: Unknown at this time due to Vessel build time.

Are there other sources of funding for this project? Sarasota County WCIND

Is a permit required for this project? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, list each, its type, and status. Attach all permits that have been issued or applied for: _____

Complete attached budget. Attach additional supporting documentation pertinent to your request.

Applicants should be available to the Marine Advisory Committee on the date of review to answer questions regarding the project. Dates of review will be posted on the Charlotte County public website at Marine Advisory Committee | Charlotte County, FL (charlottecountyfl.gov).



Principle Officer or BCC Department Director Signature

1/27/23

Date

Kevin Easton

Printed Name

Fire Chief

Title

You may submit your signed application via e-mail to Jim.Darden@CharlotteCountyFL.gov. You may also mail or drop your application off to the following address:

Charlotte County Fiscal Services Division

Attn: Jim Darden

18500 Murdock Circle

Suite B-109

Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Applications must be received by 1/31/2023 at the Fiscal Services Division address to be considered for the FY 2024 grant cycle. Please direct questions regarding this granting opportunity to Jim Darden at 941-764-5532.

Please complete your project's budget:

BUDGET ESTIMATE DETAIL	Grant Funds	Matching Funds ¹	Total
Construction Expenses			
Contractual Services			
Materials			
Equipment			
Metal Fire/Rescue Boat	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000
Salaries²			
Promotional Materials			
GRAND TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000

The budget may be adjusted between categories; however, the scope of the project may not change.

¹ Matching funds are **required** for WCIND Boating Safety/Education and Recreation projects.

² Salaries are eligible toward BIF grants. Salaries allowed for WCIND grant **only** for Law Enforcement projects.

The Englewood Area Fire Control District (EFD) is a Special Fire District that spans Charlotte and Sarasota Counties. EFD provides marine fire and rescue services in both counties and participates actively in the Charlotte County Marine Emergency Response Team (MERT). In 2011, Sarasota County WCIND grant money was utilized to purchase the District's current emergency marine vessel (a 2011 Boston Whaler Guardian). In 2021, Sarasota County WCIND grant funds were used to re-power the boat with two new 150 hp Yamaha motors, upgrade the navigation system, add FLIR technology, and 360-degree LED scene lighting. Since the upgrades in 2021, we have begun experiencing problems with the vessel's hull. In 2022, the District became a provider of Advanced Life Support Paramedics. We have found that the current vessel is not large enough for the additional medical equipment and area for treating a patient. In 2022, fifty-nine (59) percent of the service requests were within Charlotte County, while the remaining forty-one (41) percent were within Sarasota County.

Upon applying for 2024 Sarasota County WCIND grant funding, it has been suggested that due to the percentage of emergency marine responses that occur in Charlotte County, the District apply for WCIND grant funding in Charlotte County as well. Estimates from the two (2) primary fireboat manufacturers (Metalcraft and Metal Shark) find the vessel purchase to be between \$400,000 and \$600,000.

The mission of the Englewood Area Fire Control District's Marine Operations Division is to provide a safe environment for recreational and commercial boaters to operate in both Charlotte and Sarasota Counties. We continue to upgrade and enhance the marine operations services we provide and strengthen our partnerships with the Charlotte County Fire & EMS Marine Operations Division. The funding of this request will undoubtedly increase the operational capabilities of the District, ultimately benefiting boaters in both counties.